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FOOD ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

COLOMBIA

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SITUATION

- Despite recent peace accords between the Government of Colombia (GoC) and the country's largest guerilla movement, humanitarian needs in Colombia remain high, driven by ongoing violence, the effects of natural disasters and the escalating crisis in Venezuela.
- The political and economic crisis in neighboring Venezuela has resulted in an influx of vulnerable Venezuelans and Colombian returnees crossing into Colombia in search of food and medical care. This influx has strained health and social services across the country, particularly among communities in areas of Colombia bordering Venezuela. More than 600,000 food-insecure Venezuelans and Colombian returnees are in need of emergency food assistance, according to the United Nations.
- Few employment opportunities make it difficult for families displaced by internal conflict and the host communities sheltering them to access enough nutritious food on a consistent basis. As a result, more than 95 percent of internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by the country's internal conflict remain food insecure.



RESPONSE

- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners with the UN World Food Program (WFP) to assist IDPs, returnees, host communities and vulnerable Venezuelans in Colombia who lack access to sufficient nutritious food.
- With FFP support, WFP provides Colombian IDPs and host communities with U.S. in-kind food aid and food vouchers through direct distributions, as well as food-for-work and food-for-training activities. In FY 2017, FFP-supported programs reached more than 100,000 conflict-affected Colombians across the country, including approximately 24,000 children younger than five years of age and pregnant and lactating women.
- In coordination with the Government of Colombia, WFP also provides food vouchers, hot meals in transit centers, and nutrition commodities targeting more than 82,000 vulnerable Venezuelans sheltering in Colombia, Colombian returnees, and host communities. Vouchers allow food-insecure families to purchase nutritious foods already available in local markets, increasing dietary diversity while supporting the local economy and encouraging agricultural recovery.

FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Contributions per Fiscal Year

	<i>U.S. Dollars</i>	<i>Metric Tons*</i>
FY 2018	\$9.0 million	1,345 MT
FY 2017	\$5.3 million	1,380 MT
FY 2016	\$6.4 million	2,920 MT

*Metric tonnage does not reflect funding for vouchers or cash transfers.

FY 2018 by Types of Aid

